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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines and Senator Beutler. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, that was not agreed to by the members of the task force. It was agreed to by the municipalities, in connection with another bill. And they could have three permits or applications pending at any one time, and as one would drop off they could have another. You're probably correct, the original was five. But the League of Municipalities agreed to three. I don't know why three, but it works for me. If you want to expand that, I think...I suppose that could be debatable. I don't think it's a big issue. But that was the theory.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. And that was your third time, Senator. And Senator Beutler, you have spoken three times. I'm sorry. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I haven't spoke on this yet, but I sat through the hearings on it and heard all the discussions on it. And my first thought of it when I first heard about it was, we have NRDs across this state, and I was concerned that we was going to take away the authority of them. And we sure don't want to do that with a bill like this, because they are our neighbors out there, and it's a lot easier to come to your neighbor and say, well, you're going to have to cut back a little bit, than having a notice from the state saying that you're going to be cut back on irrigating. But that was one of my main concerns. And to determine whether it's overappropriated or fully appropriated is another big issue in the bill. And I understand if it is overappropriated at the time when this bill passes on a certain basin, it could be that it would take several years to get that just back down to just fully appropriated, because of the...all the extra work they have to do to try to do it. I think the NRDs play a really important role in this, because at DNR, they just raise the red flag if they think it's overappropriated or something, and then the NRDs, they'll meet with them to try to figure out how they can handle it in their district. And I think that's important, because they are clear across the state, and there's 23 of them, and they're involved with every basin there is. So that's